THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(fo) and (c) The appointment of M|s R. K. Sharma and Associates was terminated by the NCCF on 12.7.1988 because of their failure in submission of tax audit report in time. Their report received after the due date was, therefore, returned by *the* NCCF.

Grant to NCCF to meet consultancy expenses

3120. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPIJES be pleased to state:

(a)' whether any annual grant is given to NCCF to meet various expenses of its Consultancy Cell for consumers;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that NCCF has closed the said C and P Units and is utilising the services of Consultants in trading and thus misutilising grants;

(c) whether it is also a fact that in the current year no study has been undertaken in C and P Cell as against more than 100 studies during the last year; and

(d) if so, whether any responsibi lity has been fixed on this account and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

'(b) No, Sir. However, two Senior Consultants have been entrusted with business work, in addition to their own consultancy duties.

(c)' No, Sir. 28 studies have been carried out during the cooperative year 1987-88, as against 22 j_n the previous year, besides their normal promotional and consultancy work.

(d) Does not arise.

Supply of edible oil by NCCF to M/s Manipur Wholesale Store, Imphal

3121. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether edible oil worth Rs. 24.19 lakhs was delivered by NCCF, Calcutta to a Private party for trans-fering the same to M|s. Manipur Wholesale Store, Imphal but the said Store had not returned the documents declining to make payments for not having 'received the goods;

(b) whether any enquiry to fix up the responsibility has been conducted, if. so, the findings thereof, and follow up action taken thereon; and

(c) whether any FIR has been lodged with the police, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes, Sir. A Private Transporter was engaged for delivery.

(b)' and (c) The police enquiry revealed that no misappropriation had taken place in supply of the goods. The Central .Registrar of Cooperative Societies has passed orders on 20.6.1988 in favour of NCCF for recovery of an amount of Rs. 21..58 lakhs from the State Federation alongwith interest from the date of delivery of goods till the date of recovery of amount. NCCF have also initiated departmental enquiries against the concerned Regional Manager for his lapses.

Behaviour of Managing Director, NCCF

3122. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRA TAP SINGH: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state: